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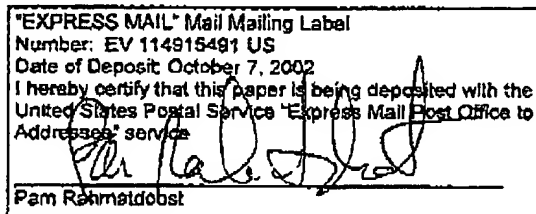
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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

<b>In re Application of:</b>	)	
Luong et al.	)	<b>Attorney Docket No.:</b> 24.0787
<b>Serial No.:</b> 09/033,965	)	<b>Group Art Unit:</b> 2862
<b>Filed:</b> March 3, 1998	)	<b>Examiner:</b> L. Arana
<b>Title:</b> Method and Apparatus for a 1 to N )	)	
Signal	)	

Ed Lefkowitz, Director  
Technology Center – Group 2862  
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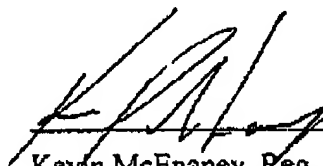
1. Applicant respectfully requests that the abandonment in this case be withdrawn.
2. This information is being submitted promptly after Applicant has learned of the abandonment on the basis of the Notice of Abandonment mailed by the PTO on August 6, 2002.
3. Submitted herewith is:
  - a. A copy of the Notice of Allowance for claims 43-45 mailed July 16, 2001.
  - b. A copy of Applicants' Issue Fee Transmittal mailed August 24, 2001.
  - c. A copy of the post card identifying the papers filed and showing the U.S. PTO receipt stamp dated August 27, 2001.

4. Attached hereto is a statement attesting to the timely submission of the correspondence referred to above based on a showing believed to be satisfactory to the Commissioner.
5. Please proceed with further examination of the this application on the basis of the attached copies of the papers originally filed.
6. Acknowledgement of the active status of this application is respectfully requested.

The Assistant Commissioner for Patents is requested to grant a petition for the extension of time which is required to make this response timely and is hereby authorized to charge any fee for such petition and extension of time or credit any overpayment for such petition and extension of time to deposit Account No.19-0610.

Respectfully submitted,

Date: Oct. 7, 2002



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Docketed:

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TITLE OF INVENTION: [Title]

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Application No.

09/083,965

Examiner

Louis M. Arana

Applicant(s)

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All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance and Issue Fee Due or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1. ☒ This communication is responsive to your OPA request and preliminary amendment of April 24, 2001.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 43-45.
3. ☒ The drawings filed on 7/10/2000 are acceptable as formal drawings.
4. ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
  - a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some\* c) ☐ None of the:
    1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
    2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. \_\_\_\_\_.
    3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this national stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

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5. ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for domestic priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(e).

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6. ☐ Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient. A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION IS REQUIRED.
7. ☐ Applicant MUST submit NEW FORMAL DRAWINGS
  - (a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review( PTO-948) attached
    - 1) ☐ hereto or 2) ☐ to Paper No. \_\_\_\_\_.
  - (b) ☐ including changes required by the proposed drawing correction filed \_\_\_\_\_, which has been approved by the examiner.
  - (c) ☐ including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No. \_\_\_\_\_

Identifying indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the drawings. The drawings should be filed as a separate paper with a transmittal letter addressed to the Official Draftsperson.

8. ☐ Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL

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**Attachment(s)**

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| 7 <input type="checkbox"/> Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit of Biological Material | 8 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance |
|  | 9 <input type="checkbox"/> Other  |

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**DETAILED ACTION*****Continued Prosecution Application***

1. The request filed on April 24, 2001 for a Continued Prosecution Application (CPA) under 37 CFR 1.53(d) based on parent Application No. 09/033,965 is acceptable and a CPA has been established. An action on the CPA follows.
2. Claims 13-42 have been cancelled and new claims 43-45 have been submitted and are pending in this application after entry of the preliminary amendment of April 24, 2001. The examiner wishes to make of record, that cancelled claims 13-19, 21, 24-25, 27-31 and 35-41 were allowed in the parent application and that these claims are now the subject of application 09/864,437 filed on 5/24/2001.

***Allowable Subject Matter***

3. Claims 43-45 are allowed.
4. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance: The prior art considered does not disclose or fairly suggest a magnet as claimed' that produces a plurality of axisymmetric magnetic fields with three axially magnetized magnets, where two of the magnets produce in a addition a high gradient.

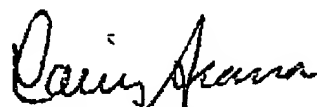
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Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Louis M. Arana whose telephone number is (703) 305-4913. The examiner can normally be reached on M-F (8:30-6:00) First Friday Off.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Christine Oda can be reached on (703) 305-4908. The fax phone numbers for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned are (703) 308-7722 for regular communications and (703) 308-7724 for After Final communications.

Any inquiry of a general nature or relating to the status of this application or proceeding should be directed to the receptionist whose telephone number is (703) 308-0956.



Louis M. Arana  
Examiner  
Art Unit 2862

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July 12, 2001

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	A	US-	8,246,236-B1	06-2001	Poitzsch et al.	324	303
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1. John J. Ryberg

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